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SUBJ: CODEND LINERS FOR TRAWLS

REFS: (A) STATE 310098; (B) BRUSSELS 16613

1. MISSION DELIVERED NOTE TO EC COMMISSION JANUARY 2
CONVEYING INFORMATION CONTAINED REF A. JANUARY 5 WE
DISCUSSED NOTE'S CONTENTS WITH COMMISSION FISHERIES
OFFICIAL MARCUSSEN, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED TO DUTY
FOLLOWING COMMISSION'S CHRISTMAS BREAK. MARCUSSEN SAID
NOTE WOULD BE DISCUSSED BY EC FISHERIES WORKING GROUP THAT
DAY. AT MISSION OFFICER'S REQUEST, MARCUSSEN SAID HE
WOULD HIGHLIGHT TO WORKING GROUP FACT THAT U.S. HAD
SHOWN SOME FLEXIBILITY IN BEING WILLING TO ADOPT SMALLER
MESH SIZE OF 45 MM. FOR PELAGIC TRAWLS AS RESULT OF
ITALIAN AND COMMISSION REQUESTS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
PROPOSED U.S. REGULATIONS. MARCUSSEN SAID HE WOULD ALSO
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COMMENT POSITIVELY TO WORKING GROUP ON U.S. WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER RESEARCH WITH FOREIGN VESSELS.

2. WHEN MISSION OFFICER SUGGESTED THAT GIVEN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN OUR NOTE, THERE APPEARED TO BE NO POINT IN PURSUING FURTHER AT THIS TIME COMMISSION'S NOVEMBER 17 REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL TALKS ON MESH SIZES

(PARA 3 REF A AND PARA 5 REF B), MARCUSSEN AGREED. HE SAID THE U.S. APPEARED TO BE PROVIDING THE EUROPEANS, VIA THE MISSION NOTE, THE TECHNICAL DATA AVAILABLE TO THE U.S., THAT THE U.S. HAD INDICATED IT WOULD BE DEVELOPING FURTHER DATA, POSSIBLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH FOREIGN VESSELS, AND THAT, IN ANY CASE, HE THOUGHT THE EUROPEANS HAD NO TECHNICAL DATA OF THEIR OWN TO PROVIDE AT THIS TIME.

3. AS REGARDS DEPARTMENT'S QUESTION IN REF A, PARA 3, THE MISSION HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY KIND OF ANSWER, EITHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT, REGARDING U.S. WILLINGNESS TO HOLD TECHNICAL TALKS PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REF A. HINTON

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